

- Grayshott Village Hall -

Information for User Groups Following the introduction of 'Plan B' on 10th December 2021

On 10th December 2021 the government introduced 'Plan B' to help combat the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Users of the Village Hall must ensure that they observe current requirements. The information given here is provided in good faith to assist users but must not be taken to supersede any statutory requirements particularly as government guidance and its interpretation is still evolving.

Face Coverings:

- User groups should inform people attending their activity/event that they are required to comply with government guidance on wearing face coverings:
 - Village Halls are covered by the government guidance '[Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own](#)' and consequently face coverings should be worn by users of the Village Hall unless an exemption applies.
 - Face coverings are required when entering the Village Hall and passing through common areas (e.g. corridors, toilets and kitchen) and at **public or 'club'** events.
 - Face coverings are not required when participating in activities involving exercise or dancing (e.g. keep fit, Pilates and dance classes).
 - Governing bodies for sport are expected to issue their own guidance in due course.
 - Face coverings may be removed for singing as part of a choir, service, performance or rehearsal for a performance.
 - Face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking.
 - Face coverings are not required within a room used for a Private event (e.g. wedding reception)
 - Organisers may wish to encourage their use and advise attendees to take a lateral flow test beforehand to help protect vulnerable guests.
 - The requirement to wear a face covering still applies to any part of the building open to the public (e.g. toilets) during the private event.
 - Government guidance for some sectors (e.g. performing arts) is still evolving and users should ensure that they are following the most recent version when planning their event.
 - The general exemptions applicable to all venues apply, including:
 - Children under the age of 11
 - People who cannot wear a face covering for mental or physical health reasons
 - People speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading
 - To avoid the risk of harm or injury to yourself or others.

Ventilation:

- Users are advised to ensure that the building remains well ventilated – examples include:
 - Ventilating the room before use
 - Keeping high level windows (where appropriate) open during activities
 - Opening additional doors and windows towards the end of aerosol generating activities (e.g. exercise or dance)

Hygiene & Social Distancing:

- User groups should consider the risks of close contact with others particularly if those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated may be present.
- User groups should consider whether to impose measures such as limiting numbers or advising the use of lateral flow tests based on the nature of their activity.
- Users should be encouraged to use the hand sanitiser that is provided throughout the building.
- Cleaning materials for use by users are provided throughout the building.